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| Examiner P. Hassanzadeh | : | |
| In re application of | : | APPARATUS FOR ETCHING |
| LEBOUITZ ET AL. | : | SEMICONDUCTOR SAMPLES |
| Serial No. 09/839,763 | : | AND A SOURCE FOR PROVIDING |
| Filed April 20, 2001 | : | A GAS BY SUBLIMATION THERETO |

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

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December 16, 2003

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P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

With reference to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 C.F.R. 1.121) dated December 11, 2003, Applicant submits a copy of an Amendment filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office, via facsimile, on December 3, 2003. Applicant believes that the

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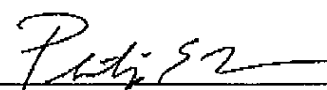
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attached Amendment fully addresses the objections raised in the Notice of Non-Compliant
Amendment and therefore no further response is required.

Respectfully submitted,

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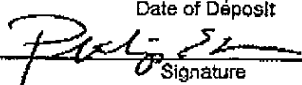
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In response to a telephone conversation with the Examiner on December 3, 2003,

Applicants submit the present Amendment.

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